

Washington, DC - 12th District Georgia Congressman John Barrow (D-Savannah) today voted for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2007. CHIP is the federal program that funds Georgia's PeachCare Program.

The expiration deadline for this program is less than a week away.

Shortly after the vote, Congressman Barrow issued the following statement:

"Right now, millions of children in America's working families can't see doctors when they should and can't get medicines when they need them, simply because their parents can't afford private insurance. This bill will give millions of low-income children the chance for good health."

The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act reauthorizes CHIP for five years and preserves the coverage of 306,733 children in Georgia covered by PeachCare, and the 6.6 million children currently covered by CHIP nationwide. The bill also extends health care coverage to 161,000 uninsured children in Georgia.

"For the millions of children who already rely on CHIP for health care coverage, and for the millions more who will receive health care coverage if this legislation is enacted, I urge the President to sign this bill into law."

The Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2007 (H.R. 976) passed the House by a vote of 265-159.

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